[Mr. K. Kunju Panicker]

(*c*) whether the people in the State consider the general prohibition to work the mills as a serious grievance and that the people find it very difficult to get the paddy pounded by womenfolk who used to do that formerly ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The question does not arise.

(*c*) The opposite is the case. Considerable loss and inconveniences to the consuming public are avoided by distributing paddy purchased by Government, as paddy itself; and stopping of mills is welcomed by the majority of the population.

Appointments made by the Public Service Commissioner.

19. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the appointments made in the Lower and Intermediate Divisions by the Public Service Commissioner after 1115 are quite in proportion to the seats allotted to each community ;

(*b*) whether appointments are made from other communities if there is no qualified hand in a particular community which is by right to get those seats ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, whether such appointments are counted or not counted to decide the proportion of the community to which that chance is given ?

MR. S. N. URE (*Public Service Commissioner*) : (*a*) In the Lower Division yes, subject to the availability of candidates from the various communities. In the Intermediate Division the communal rotation is not followed.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) For the Lower Division the rule is that when the turn of any particular community is passed over for want of suitable candidates, the community so passed over is entitled to get the benefit of the vacancies thus forfeited to the extent to which qualified candidates may subsequently be forthcoming from that community during a period of three years, a corresponding reduction being made in the number of vacancies due to the other communities that may have benefited under the arrangement in the meanwhile.

Deaths caused by cholera.

20. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of deaths caused by cholera in the months of Medam, Edavam and Mithunam 1118 in the following taluks :—

(*a*) Chirayinkil ;

(*b*) Quilon ; and

(*c*) Karunagapally ?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : A *statement containing the information is placed on the table.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the epidemic has been brought under control ?

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